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Nipah Virus Scare

Tourists shun Kerala, throng Mysuru

Mysuru, May 27 (MTY&BCT)- One's loss is somebody's gain. The month of May (after the Assembly election results) has proved a boon to Mysuru as thousands of tourists are arriving here on a daily basis to spend their summer vacation.

Tourists, who earlier booked their trips to Kerala, have cancelled their visit due to Nipah Virus (NiV) threat that has so far claimed the lives of more than 15 people, especially in North Kerala.

People started coming to Mysuru soon after the election results were announced. Usually, the summer tourism in Mysuru starts by the first week of April and ends in May just before the schools reopen in the first week of June. This year, however, April did not see many visitors due to Assembly elections. Most of the officials and teachers were busy in the month-long election process and as such they could not go on tours.

(See TOURISTS on page 8)

H.D. Kote youth at K.R. Hospital cleared of Nipah infection

Mysuru, May 27 (MTY&BCT)- In a major relief to the District Administration, a youth, who was suspected to be infected by the deadly Nipah Virus (NiV) and was being treated at the isolated ward of the K.R. Hospital in city has been certified not Nipah-infected. This was the first case of Nipah scare reported in city.

The youth, 18-year-old Raghu, who hailed from Hebbal Kuppe village in H.D. Kote, was admitted at the hospital for fever four days ago. However, there was no sign of fall in temperature as he gradually developed respiratory problems. Since H.D. Kote borders North Kerala where over 15 people have died due to the deadly virus, authorities did not take any chances and sent samples for laboratory test.

Raghu being treated at the isolated ward of K.R. Hospital in city this morning.

Doctors collected his throat swab, blood, urine and CSF (liquid around brain and spinal cord) samples, and sent to the laboratory set up at Alappuzzha in Kerala and the results have proved negative.

At the K.R. Hospital, the isolated 10-bed ward has been created on the third floor of the Jayadeva Institute of Cardiology unit.

Speaking to *SOM* this morning, Dr. S. Chandrashekar, Acting Medical Superintendent of K.R. Hospital, said that as serious symptoms were observed in Raghu, he was shifted to the dedicated (isolated) ward set up for Nipah-infected people.

"As soon as we collected the samples, we contacted National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune, Maharashtra and as samples will reach Pune late due to distance, the authorities there suggested us to send the samples to the exclusive Nipah-testing laboratory at Alappuzzha, Kerala. The tests have now revealed that Raghu is not Nipah-infected.

Test results indicated the symptoms of brain fever. But the doctors eventually decided to test for Nipah virus in the wake of general panic among people. Raghu is on ventilator support now and his condition is stable.

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.
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Rotary Venus Shramajeevi Award presented

Chief guest Shivakumar (Industrialist & MD of Mahalakshmi Sweets) presenting the Rotary Venus Shramajeevi Award- 2018 to Ayub Ahmed, a Social Worker who takes care of the last rites of unclaimed bodies irrespective of caste or religion and R. Murugesha, an employee of Mysuru City Corporation, at a programme organised by Rotary Mysore Midtown recently. Others seen are Rtn. N. Narendra Babu, President, Rotary Mysore Midtown, Rtn. R. Venkatesh, donor and Proprietor of Venus Egg Centre and Rtn. M.S. Naveen Chandra, Hon. Secretary.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Two hoteliers comparing notes about business prospects. *1st hotelier:* ***Business has been really bad.*** *2nd hotelier:* ***So's mine. What with all this lawlessness, these cow vigilantes going about lynching people on the slightest suspicion that they just might have been eating beef, or smuggling cattle, and these daily cases of rape and violence against women, no foreign tourist wants to visit India.***

1st hotelier: ***Forget foreign tourists. Things have got so bad that no Indian tourist wants to visit India.*** *2nd hotelier:* ***But even the darkest cloud has a silver lining. And thanks to Karnataka, there's hope yet for us.***

1st hotelier: ***Karnataka? What's Karnataka got to do with us?*** *2nd hotelier:* ***Well, they had the Assembly elections, and one guy became Chief Minister for the shortest-lived government in history, then he resigned, and then these other guys joined up to form their government, and the first lot of guys tried to bribe and threaten some of them away, so the new lot forming the government put everyone into a hotel, where they couldn't be got at. And bingo! The hotel had full, 100% occupancy.***

1st hotelier: ***Wow! That's great. But how does it help us?*** *2nd hotelier:* ***It helps us because what's happened in Karnataka is going to happen in other States, which will also have Hung Assemblies, and where MLAs who are being bribed and threatened to make them switch sides will have to be kept safe hidden away in hotels. We'll all do roaring business. And next year we might have a Hung Parliament, and that'll be even better for us hoteliers who'll have to keep MPs protected from horse trading.*** *1st hotelier:* ***If that happens they'll have to stop calling it horse trading and call it House trading.*** *2nd hotelier:* ***And if we have to hold all these MLAs and MPs hostage, maybe people will stop calling ours the hospitality industry and call us the*** *hostagetality* ***industry.***—*Jug Suraiya in The Times of India.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Bottled message travels for 18 years

Woods Harbor: A message in a bottle tossed into the water off the Massachusetts coast 18 years ago was found by an 11-year-old boy on a Canadian beach.

Dallas Goreham, 11, said he was hunting for sea glass near his home in Woods Harbor, Nova Scotia, when he found a bottle he initially thought was just trash. Goreham was about to throw the bottle when he saw a letter inside it.

Goreham took the bottle and its contents to his mother, Tara, and they opened it up and read the message inside. The letter included an email address that the Gorehams soon discovered was no longer in service, but some Internet sleuthing led them to discover a Rita Ganim, 80, was living in Buffalo, N.Y. and the family got into contact with Ganim within hours of finding the bottle.

Tara Goreham said the two families have struck up a friendship. Goreham makes crafts out of sea glass, and she discovered that Gamin's daughter makes jewelry out of sea glass.

Men dragging stolen shed held

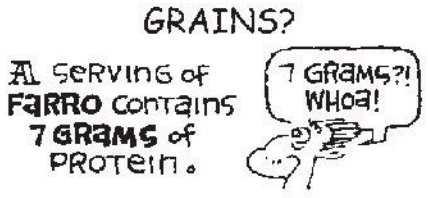
Lebanon: Three men were arrested after being caught in the act of using a pickup truck to drag a stolen 25 ft. shed down a road.

Maine State Police said troopers responded to a report of a pickup truck being used to drag the large shed, which was not on any kind of trailer, down a road in Lebanon. Troopers arrived to find the shed still being dragged and blocking half the road.

Police arrested suspects Matthew Thompson, Timothy James and Robert Breton after verifying that the shed had been stolen from a foreclosed property. The men were each held in lieu of $5,000 bail.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What are ancient grains?



Ancient grains refers to grains that haven't been modified over time. They remain the same as they did in ancient times. Ancient grains include: Amaranth, Barley, Buck wheat, Farro (emmer), Khorasan, Quinoa and Spelt. Gluten-free ancient grains: Amaranth, Barley, Buck wheat and Quinoa.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

New Weekly Express Train between Mysuru & Renigunta

Mysuru, May 27- South Western Railway has introduced a new Weekly Express train between Mysuru and Renigunta, a suburb of Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh. The service from Mysuru will commence on June 1 (Friday) and from Renigunta on June 2 (Saturday).

The details of service days, abstract timings, composition and stoppages are as follows:

Service Days & Abstract timings of T.No. 11065 Mysuru to Renigunta

Train No. 11065	Day of Service	Time-table Arrival	Departure
Mysuru	Friday	-	22.55
Mandya	Friday	23.33	23.35
KSR Bengaluru City	Saturday	01.20	01.25
Bengaluru Cant	Saturday	01.35	01.37
Jolarpettai	Saturday	04.23	04.25
Katpadi	Saturday	05.33	05.35
Renigunta	Saturday	08.25	-

Service Days & Abstract timings of T.No. 11066 Renigunta to Mysuru

Train No. 11066	Day of Service	Time-table Arrival	Departure
Renigunta	Saturday	-	17.50
Katpadi	Saturday	19.38	19.40
Jolarpettai	Saturday	21.28	21.30
Bengaluru Cant	Saturday	23.43	23.45
KSR Bengaluru	Sunday	00.15	00.30
Mandya	Sunday	01.58	02.00
Mysuru	Sunday	-	03.15

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VOICE OF THE READER

Curbing traffic violations

Sir,

Traffic violations are happening everywhere in Mysuru city. Signal jumping is very common practice in all circles. In addition to this, driving on one-way lane is also a major problem.

Police only catch hold of helmet violators. They are not bothered to catch other violators even if violation happens in front of them. Police team catching helmetless riders also leads to another problem. Offenders suddenly take U turn on the same road and ride very fast leading to accidents. As a result, common man suffers for no fault of his.

So Police must resort to only video camera-based traffic control and book offenders based on video recordings. Also paying fine on the spot should be avoided completely because I saw many bargains happening on road side.

I request our city Police Commissioner to spend one day going around the entire city in civil dress so that he will understand the real problem and take steps to curb such traffic violations.

—Mahesha Padyana
Mysuru
18.5.2018

Corrections and Clarifications

Pay for Mall Parking: Forum Centre clarifies

Sir,

This is with regard to the report titled ***'Pay for Mall Parking'*** published in *Star of Mysore* dated May 24. We at "Forum Centre City, Mall" would like to clarify that we are not charging any amount for customer vehicle parking since the opening of the mall, that is from January 2018, till date.

—Khuteja Afzal
Sr. Executive – Marketing & Communication,
Forum Centre City
Nazarbad
25.5.2018

NOTE: *However, as a precautionary measure, the Forum Mall issues token slips to vehicle owners before availing the parking facility and collects it back* ***without any parking fee*** *while they leave the Mall.* **—Ed**

It is Intermediate Egret not White Ibis

In yesterday's *Weekend Star Supplement* titled **'Birds on Banks'** caption for the picture above (published on page 11) was inadvertently mentioned as White Ibis. It may please be read as Intermediate Egret - Mesophoyx intermedia. **—Ed**

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NAREDCO seminar on affordable housing on May 29

Mysuru, May 27- Challenges for builders and developers and also for the government are just too many. Starting from land acquisition till completion, there are plenty of hurdles because of unorganised and unprepared approach which generally affects the coordination from so many stakeholders involved in the project - conception to completion.

'Affordable Housing' is an emerging concept where projects can be constructed on a fast-track basis. NAREDCO (National Real Estate Development Council) Mysuru, along with JSW Steels, a giant in construction steel, is organising a seminar on "Light Steel Building Solution" on May 29, Tuesday at 6.30 pm at Hotel Sothern Star, Vinoba Road, in city.

Addressing reporters at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city yesterday, M. Sathish Kumar, Chairman, Vision Mysuru 2030 Committee, NAREDCO Mysuru said innovative technology like light steel building solution is both affordable and a fast track construction technology.

At the seminar, industry experts including Ashok Bharadwaj, Vice President, JSW Steel, Mumbai, Dr. R. Gopalan, Director and CEO, SDC, Composite Technology Park, Bengaluru and B.R. Suchendra from Brigade Group will be the guests and they will share their ideas.

N. Divyesh, Convenor, NAREDCO Mysuru, T.G. Adisheshan Gowda, Core Committee Chairman and member Mohan Kumar were present at the press conference.

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Last date and time of closing of online submission of tenders	**08/06/18 (15:00 Hrs.)**
Last date for submission of original documents towards Receipt of e-payment towards Tender Processing Fee and EMD	On or before **19/06/18 (15:00 Hrs.)** at Superintending Engineer's office in a **sealed** super scribed envelope mentioning name of work and NIT Number. Original documents along with EMD should be submitted preferably in person. However, documents sent by post or courier will also be considered provided the same is received within due date & time.
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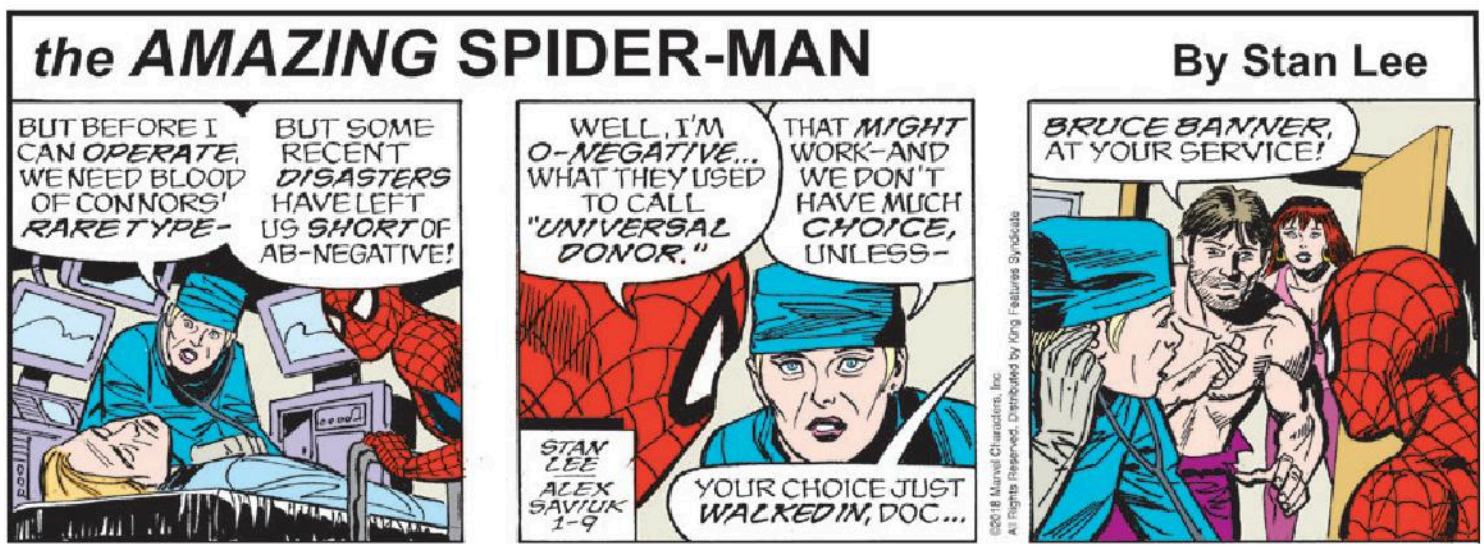
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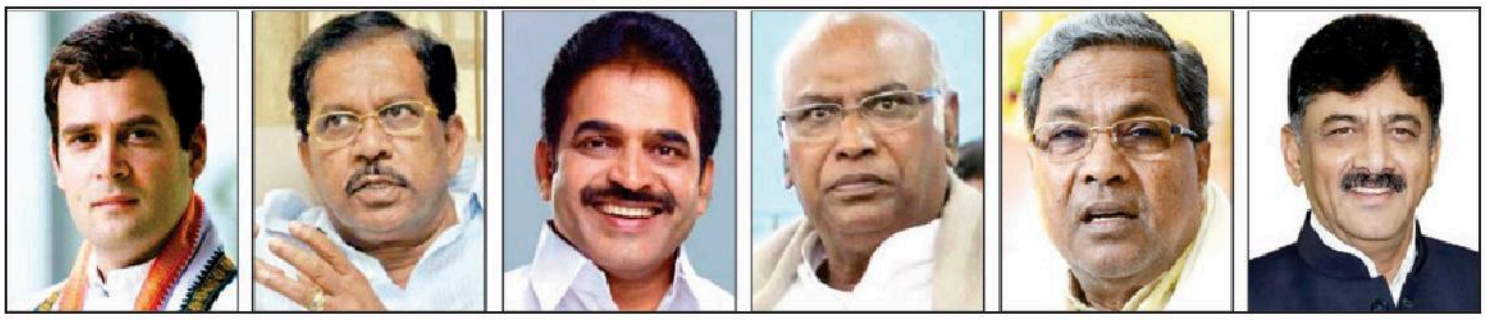
Ministry formation now shifts to Delhi



Rahul Gandhi *Dr. Parameshwara* *Venugopal* *Mallikarjun Kharge* *Siddharamaiah* *D.K. Shivakumar*

Bengaluru, May 27- A day after Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy won the vote of confidence in the floor of the Assembly, Congress leaders from the State left for New Delhi yesterday to discuss Cabinet formation and allocation of portfolios with the Party High Command.

With too many leaders aspiring for Ministerial berths, the Congress High Command is likely to layout guidelines, based on which Ministers will be selected, keeping in mind caste and regional equations.

Led by Congress Legislature Party (CLP) leader Siddharamaiah, Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC President Dr. G. Parameshwara, Campaign Committee Chairperson D.K. Shivakumar and senior Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge, held discussions with Rahul Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi on Saturday.

The Congress State Unit is said to be not entirely satisfied with candidates shortlisted and leaders want to ensure that caste and regional representation are considered. Parleys between the coalition partners on Cabinet expansion began soon after Kumaraswamy won the trust vote on Friday. Another round of discussions took place at a private hotel on Saturday between the CM and AICC Gen. Secretary in-charge of Karnataka K.C. Venugopal, Siddharamaiah and Dr. Parameshwara.

Prior to this, several Congress MLAs including K.J. George, M. Krishnappa, B.C. Patil and MLC S.R. Patil met at Siddharamaiah's residence.

Amidst all these developments, CM Kumaraswamy dismissed reports about any confusion over Cabinet formation.

Stating that the Cabinet formation will take place in a couple of days after Congress leaders return from New Delhi, HDK said that the Cabinet formation will be done in a systematic manner.

Meanwhile, in another development, Kumaraswamy who was expected to meet Rahul Gandhi on Sunday morning to sort out the issue of Cabinet formation, re-scheduled his visit to Delhi with Rahul Gandhi scheduled to leave for USA tonight, it is learnt.

Kumaraswamy will fly to Delhi tonight and meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Coal Minister Piyush Goyal on Monday.

The probable list of Legislators from the Congress who may make it into the Cabinet include D.K. Shivakumar, Shamanur Shivashankarappa, Priyank Kharge, Roopa Sashidhar, R.V. Deshpande, B.C. Patil, B. Nagendra, Satish Jarkiholi, S.R. Patil, M.B. Patil, M.T.B. Nagaraj, H.K. Patil, U.T. Khader, Ramalingareddy, K.J. George, Roshan Baig, Dinesh Gundu Rao and Ramesh Jarkiholi.

From the JD(S) side, the names include senior MLC Basavaraj Horatti, MLAs A.H. Vishwanath, G.T. Devegowda, C.S. Puttaraju, Bandeppa Kashempur, Venkat Rao, Nadagowda, N. Mahesh and H.D. Revanna.

Man gets life sentence for killing friend

Mysuru, May 27 (ACP&KS)- The Second Additional District and Sessions Court has sentenced a man to life imprisonment and has imposed a fine of Rs.5,000 for killing his friend.

The convict has been identified as 32-year-old Shivu. Shivu had poured petrol to a room in which six of his friends from Nepal were sleeping and had set it on fire on Aug.27, 2014. While one of them succumbed to burn injuries later, the others, who survived helped the Police to bring the accused to book.

All the six from Nepal — Ganesh Pandey, Delhi Raja, Gajendra, Suraj, Gorak and Ramesh — were working at a hotel on Sayyaji Rao Road and the hotel owner had provided them a room to stay at Tilak Nagar 6th Cross in city. Shivu, who had befriended them, used to frequent their room and had tried to steal a cell phone from their room and was caught red-handed. When reprimanded, Shivu, who took it as an insult, vowed to teach them a lesson.

On Aug.27, 2014 at about 4 am, Shivu, who went to the room with a can of petrol, poured the same through the gap of the door and set the room on fire.

While five of them escaped with minor burn injuries, Raja, who suffered severe burn injuries died after failing to respond to the treatment.

Mandi Police, who had registered a case in this regard, had arrested Shivu and had submitted a charge-sheet against him to the Court.

Judge Vijayakumar M. Anandashetty, who heard the argument, found Shivu guilty of the crime and pronounced the judgment.

Public Prosecutor H.D. Anandakumar argued on behalf of the Government.

ATTEMPT TO MURDER

Brothers sentenced to jail

Mysuru, May 27 (ACP&KS)- The First Additional District and Sessions Court has sentenced a man and his brother to jail for attempting to murder their cousin over land dispute.

The bothers who have been sentenced to jail are 24-year-old K.J. Nagesh and his brother 19-year-old Umesh, residents of Kempisiddanahundi village in Nanjangud taluk. While Umesh has been sentenced to seven years rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs.20,000, his brother Nagesh has been sentenced to one year rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs.5,000.

Nagesh and Umesh had encroached the farm land of their cousin Shivananjappa and had cultivated it. When Shivananjappa and his brother Nagaraju questioned it, Umesh had assaulted Shivananjappa with a machete and his brother Nagaraju had sustained minor injuries on Jan.3, 2014.

Following the incident, Nanjangud Rural Police had filed a charge-sheet against the duo at the Court. Judge Sudheendra Nath, who heard the arguments on Friday, found the brothers guilty of the crime and pronounced the judgment.

Public Prosecutor Ajith Kumar D. Hamigi argued for the Govt.

Police guard killer techie

Prajwal

Mysuru, May 27 (RK&KS)- A Policeman from Vijayanagar Police Station has been deployed near the ward in Apollo BGS Hospital since Friday morning where techi Prajwal has been admitted. The Police are guarding the ward 24x7.

Prajwal had killed his wife Savitha (38) and daughter Sinchana (10) on May 23 before attempting suicide at his house in Vijayanagar on May 24.

N.R. Sub-Division ACP C. Gopal said that they would seek the opinion of the doctors treating Prajwal today or on Monday and take him (Prajwal) into custody.

He further said that murder case has been registered against Prajwal and as he (Prajwal) is admitted in the hospital he has not been arrested.

Meanwhile, the bodies of Prajwal's wife and daughter were handed over to their family members after the post-mortem was performed.

Man killed as bus runs over

Mysuru, May 27- A man, who was crossing the road, was killed when a KSRTC bus (KA-10 F-0110) knocked him down and ran over him near a dhaba on Mysuru-Nanjangud Road in Kadakola near here on May 24 night. Police said that the man suffered serious head injuries and died on the spot.

The man is said to be about 55 years and was wearing a black shirt.

Mysuru South Police, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar and shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary for post-mortem besides registering a case.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact the Mysuru South Police on Ph: 0821-2444955 or the District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800.

2015 Tipu Jayanti Clash

Former Kodagu SP gets clean chit

Vartika Katiyar

Madikeri, May 27 (US)- The Home Department is learnt to have acquitted IPS officer Vartika Katiyar of the charge of failure to control communal violence that erupted during Tipu Jayanti on Nov. 10, 2015 in Madikeri.

Following the clash, the then Congress Government had ordered a Magisterial probe into the violent incident. Consequently, the then SP Vartika Katiyar was transferred to a non-executive post in the Department.

The then Mysuru DC C. Shikha in her Magisterial probe had pointed out that the absence of SP from the District Headquarters due to leave and the SP's failure to conduct peace meetings had triggered the clash.

However, the then IGP (Southern Range) B.K. Singh had also submitted a separate report on the incident to the then DGP Om Prakash.

According to sources, the Home Department is said to have issued an order on Apr.26 acquitting Vartika of all charges and announcing a decision to drop the report.

An eyesore in clean city !

Indiscriminate dumping of used paper bowls clog the storm water drain near the vegetable market on Mahatma Gandhi Road (M.G. Road) behind Dasara Exhibition in city. So dense is the quantity of discarded paper bowls that the water in the drain is completely covered and one can easily mistake it to be some ornamental work done to beautify the drain. Only a closer look reveals that it is an eyesore. [Pic. by Pragathi Gopalakrishna]

Prof. Umesh is in-charge VC of UoM

Prof. T.K. Umesh

Mysuru, May 27 - Prof. T.K. Umesh, Dean of Physics, University of Mysore (UoM) took charge as the fifth In-charge Vice-Chancellor (VC) of the University of Mysore on Saturday.

UoM has been functioning without a regular VC since Prof. K.S. Rangappa demitted office in Jan. 2017.

After Prof. Rangappa demitted office on Jan. 10, 2017, Prof. Yashwant Dongre, Prof. B. Dayananda Mane, Prof. C. Basavaraju and Prof. Ningamma Betsur had served as in-charge Vice-Chancellors since then and now Prof. T.K. Umesh is the fifth in-charge Vice-Chancellor. His term will last on Sept. 21, 2018 and by then, the Government is expected to appoint a regular Vice-Chancellor.

Apart from Prof. T.K. Umesh, the Government had sent the names of Deans Prof. Ayesha of Commerce Department, Prof. Mahadev of Humanities and Prof. Mathi Alagan of Education Department to the Governor for appointment of in-charge VC.

But the Governor appointed Prof. T.K. Umesh, who was the senior-most among the recommended Deans.

Entrepreneur awareness prog. for women

Mysuru, May 27 (KS)- A day-long Women Entrepreneurs awareness programme, organised by Women in Industry and Business Empowerment (WIBE) will be held on May 30 from 10.30 am to 4 pm at District Industries Centre (DIC) on Sayyaji Rao Road in city.

This programme will focus on the skills and information needed for women to start their own ventures and existing women entrepreneurs to scale their businesses. The theme is motivation, entrepreneurship, finance and interaction with Government agencies and financial institutions. For registration, contact Sudhamani on Mob: 94482-53129 or Anupama on Mob: 98459- 49338.

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Tasting success, MCC to set up 15 more RO Plants in city

10 Reverse Osmosis units to come up in Chamaraja Constituency while Narasimharaja will get five

Mysuru, May 27 (PM&BCT)- Leaving nothing to chance during summer, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has started preparations to ensure citizens do not go thirsty. The civic agency is setting up many Reverse Osmosis (RO) drinking water plants at various locations in the city. The MCC has already set up 13 such RO units across the city and has grand plans to set up 15 more units.

According to MCC officials, these RO plants are a great success with the residents making maximum use of it especially in crowded areas. These units dispense 20 litres of pure drinking water for Rs.5. To obtain water, users have to insert Rs.5 coin (golden colour) into the coin slot.

Last year, MCC had set up 13 RO units across the city near localities where residents face drinking water shortage during summer. The initiative became successful after people started collecting water from RO units instead of buying packaged drinking water. Areas with thick density of population were identified and the plants were set up for the convenience and utility of the residents. Places like hostels were identified where there is usually large use of water and the RO units were set up.

Each RO plant cost the MCC around Rs.7 lakh and they have been installed at Nazarbad, Gangothri Layout, Hebbal, Manjunathapura, Paduvarahalli, Saraswathipuram and Kuvempunagar among other localities. Sources pointed out that MCC was installing RO plants in those areas that had a history of scarcity of drinking water.

These RO units have been installed under the grants that have come from 14th Finance Commission and tenders have been awarded for maintenance of the units. Of the 13 units, seven were maintained by Acqua Tech of Mysuru while the remaining six units were maintained by a Hassan-based agency. Each unit produces 2,000 litres of drinking water per hour.

This time, however, the MCC will call fresh tenders for maintenance of 13 RO units. The one-year defect liability period will end by June. After the Teachers and Graduate Constituencies elections code of conduct is announced, fresh tenders for maintenance will be invited after June 15 for three years, said MCC Water Supply Department Executive Engineer N.L. Anand.

"Our aim is to ensure that no Ward in the city faces the problem of water scarcity this summer. Currently, MCC operates 13 RO units across the city. The additional 15 units will come up in areas that often grapple with water scarcity in the summer months," an official from the MCC said.

He pointed out that the 13 RO units are helping to drastically bring down dependence on private water suppliers. Compared to private mineral water suppliers, the RO units offer potable water at much cheaper rates. Also, there is no guarantee that the private water supplier gives purified water. A private water supplier charges anywhere between Rs. 50 to Rs. 75 per 20 litre can and even collect delivery charges, the official said.

MCC Health Officer Dr. B.G. Nagaraj said that drinking unclean and contaminated water is a major cause of several water-borne diseases. "People can avoid diseases by drinking water purified in RO units," he said.

Regarding the new units, 10 of them will be set up in Chamaraja Assembly Constituency, five in Narasimharaja segment under the MLA's grant under local area development project.

MCC that has given its land to Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) to set up and maintain three RO units in the city under the company's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities has requested organisations and associations to come forward and take up maintenance.

"The NGOs or associations can support MCC in maintaining a healthy environment by setting up and maintaining RO units," said engineer Anand.

New RO drinking water units

CHAMARAJA CONSTITUENCY

Ward 29	Karakushalanagar
Ward 64	Nazarbad
Ward 33	Paduvarahalli Marammana Gudi
Ward 33	Paduvarahalli A.K. Colony
Ward 23	Gangothri Layout
Ward 32	V.V. Mohalla
Ward 26	Hebbal
Ward 39	Government High School
Ward 28	Trinethra Circle
Ward 30	Manjunathapura

NARASIMHARAJA CONSTITUENCY

Ward 46	Kesare Park
Ward 52	Udayagiri Park
Ward 53	Rajivnagar
Ward 62	Gayathripuram
Ward 55, 56, 57	Triveni Circle

RO Units - highlights

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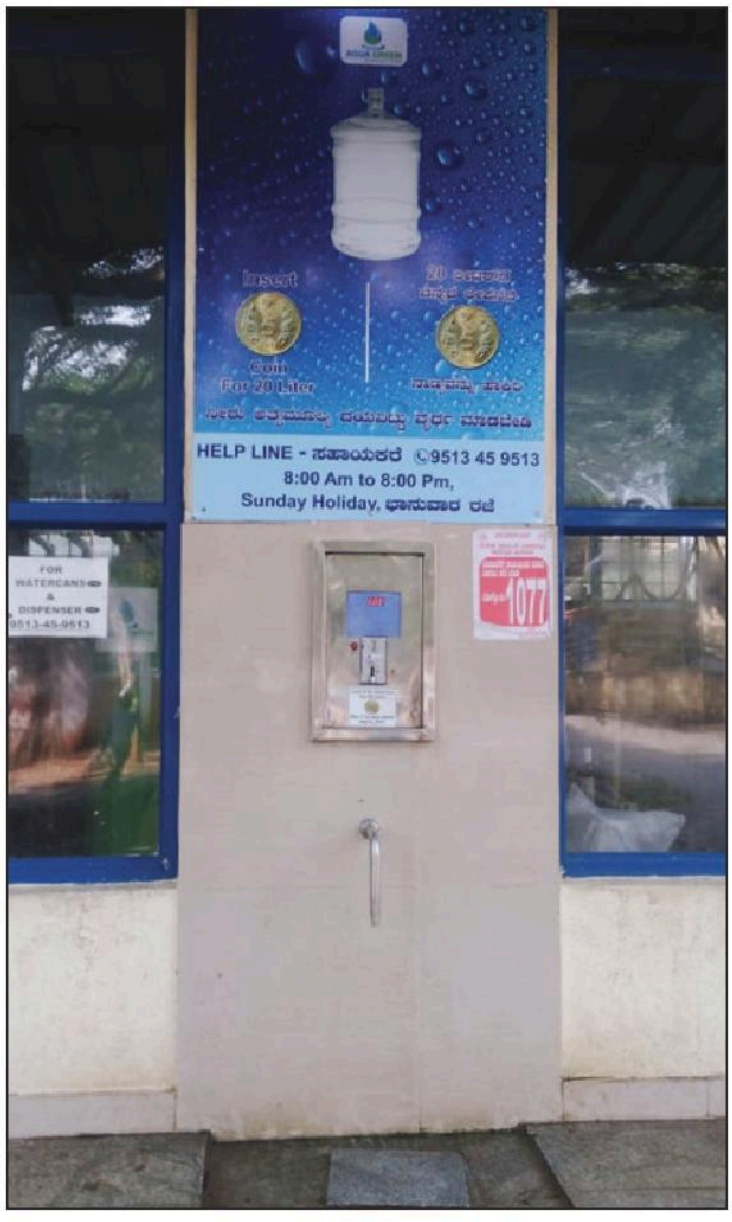


76th birthday celebrations of Sri Ganapathy Swamiji

Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji is seen cutting a huge cake on his birthday amidst cheering devotees at the Ashrama premises yesterday.

World's Largest Postal Stamp

Seer gets 9th Guinness World Record

Mysuru, May 27- On the occasion of Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji's 76th birthday celebrations at Avadhoota Datta Peetham in city yesterday, the world's largest special postal stamp depicting 'Vishwam' Museum was released by Sri Swamiji. The original stamp has been recently published by Indian Postal Department under My Stamp category.

In the presence of Sri Swamiji, devotees from all over the world and officials from Indian Postal Department, Guinness World Records, London office representative Swapnil Dangarikar awarded a new Guinness World Record title on the largest stamp yesterday. With this new title, Sri Swamiji has bagged a total of nine Guinness World Records within a span of three years under various categories.

About 'Vishwam' Museum

The Vishwam Museum, situated inside the nucleus of Avadhoota Datta Peetham, which houses several unique artefact and collections, was established in 2006. It houses a perplexing collection of archives from various countries as bestowed to the Ashrama by the devotees.

Objects on exhibit include things from musical instruments, minerals, gemstones, crystals, carpets, paintings, and etchings. Few important displays are Ancient Silver Drachm-Coinage in the name of Alexander the Great (336-323 BC), Ancient Ship carved by Chinese sculptors in Chinese Jade Stone, Amethyst Geode from Canadian Rockets of North Canada (previously called "Jurassic area" while Dinosaurs roamed), Ganapathi Idol — stone from Uzbekistan carved in Lahore, Pakistan, Kalinga Mardana made of bronze in a single pour — about 400 years old gifted by the former President of India Dr. R. Venkataraman, Brahma Stamp released during French rule in India, Surya Varna carved on petrified wood, Vishwaroopa — made of single tree trunk, Fossilised Dinosaur eggs, rare formations of qua., rare minerals, sea shells, crystals etc.

Among all Museum collections, one of the most noteworthy category of excellence is Sri Swamiji's stamp collection — some dating back to 1835.

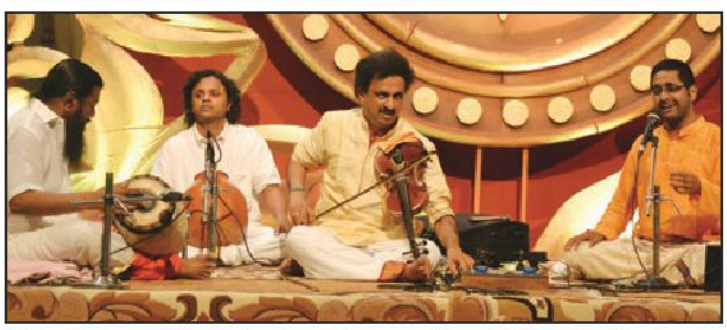
Stamp collections have been categorised under Philately and thematic displays such as animals, flowers, musical instruments, music and art of India, temple architecture in India, stamps collection from 162 countries and golden replicas of USA and Indian classical stamps.

Under coins collection, there are regular coins of republic of India, British India coins and post-Independence coins and Indian commemorative coins.

The remarkable stamp collection holds a special place as the association goes back to the time when Sri Swamiji in his 'Purvashrama' (when he was Satyanarayana) worked with a Post Office in Metagalli, Mysuru, back in 1960s. Even today, Sri Swamiji in the digital era continues to be a messenger conveying spiritual and moral messages to his devotees and people at large across the world through various platforms including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and SGS POSTS, an app where you can register for free and receive his spiritual and moral messages every day in various Indian and Foreign languages.

Earlier World Records

- Jan. 31, 2015 in Tenali, India more than 2,20,000 people gathered together to offer prayers for world peace and the Most People Chanting Together world record was broken when the number reached over 1,28,000 people.
- Apr. 6, 2015 Opera House, Sydney, witnessed the wonderful music therapy session, where the lesson was taken by the record number of participants and Sri Swamiji conducted the lesson.
- July 31, 2015, in Frisco, USA, more than 580 people gather to offer prayers for universal peace participating in a continuous marathon chanting lasting for over 24 hours.
- In July 2015, Milpitas, USA has seen the largest Yoga lesson given for the well-being of the society by Sri Swamiji.
- July 31, 2016, the tallest Hanuman outside India, became a witness for the world's largest online video album with over 40,000 people from 30+ different countries dedicating a prayer chant for the universal brotherhood.
- On May 26, 2017, during the Avatara Vajrotsava, 75th birthday of Sri Swamiji, the largest Hindu scripture was dedicated to the world for inspiring everyone to follow Sanatana Dharma leading to universal collaboration and friendliness.
- The same day Sri Swamiji was offered the World Record title for the largest display of Bonsai trees in December 2016, with a tally of over 2,600 trees during the World Bonsai convention in Mysore Ashrama.
- Shuka Vana of Avadhoota Datta Peetham was recognised with a Guinness World Record for providing shelter for over 2,000 birds of 468 exotic species.



Vid. Mysore Nagaraj (violin) and Vid. Abhishek Raghuram (vocal) presenting a Karnatak Music Concert at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama in Dattanagar on May 25 as part of Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji's 76th birthday festivities organised by Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetha. They were accompanied by Vid. Kaaraikudi Mani on mridanga, Vid. Giridhar Udupa on ghata and Vid. Yogesh Samshi on tabla.

Kalyani atop Chamundi Hill gets a new look

CLOCKWISE: ***The neglected state of the Kalyani near Devikere atop Chamundi Hill in city before clean up. The new and clean look of the Kalyani after Yuva Brigade volunteers embarked upon the elephantine task of cleaning it this morning.***

Mysuru, May 27 (RKB&US)- Thanks to the effort of members of Yuva Brigade, Swachanda Mysore and other volunteers, the Kalyani near Devikere atop Chamundi Hill is all set to sport a new and clean look to attract tourists.

About 50 members of Yuva Brigade, supported by volunteers embarked upon the elephantine task of cleaning the Kalyani this morning.

The shrubs on the so called boundary wall and on the steps leading down to the Kalyani were removed and cleaned.

About five-feet deep blackish dirty stagnated water lying in the pond was pumped out using a diesel pump. The huge silt accumulated at the base was also removed which also had two carcasses of monkeys.

The ground water entry point in the pond was cleared of weeds and obstructions.

The joy of the volunteers knew no bounds when fresh water trying to seep through the crevices was noticed thus paying rich dividends for the arduous toil.

The volunteers realigned the stones on the boundary wall. The dilapidated railings of the barricade of the Kalyani will also be repaired. The boundary wall will be painted.

Once upon a time, the water from the Kalyani was said to have been used in temples atop the Hill and constant neglect perhaps had driven the pond to a very bad state.

Yuva Brigade District Convenor S. Chandrashekar, Members Basavaraj, Lingaraj, Mahendra, Swachanda Mysore's Prashant, Ganesh and others took part in the cleaning task.

Tourists shun Kerala, throng Mysuru

(Continued from page 1)

Soon after the elections were over on May 12 and the counting on May 15, Mysuru has seen a dramatic increase in the number of tourists. According to many tourists who have arrived in Mysuru, they had booked their travel plans to Kerala months in advance but had to cancel them due to the Nipah Virus scare.

Visitors said that they had earlier made plans to stay in Mysuru for two or three days and then move to Kerala for another three days. "But due to Nipah scare, we are staying in Mysuru for all the six days and we might go to Kodagu," Bhavani, a government officer from Dharwad told *Star of Mysore*.

Hotels in city have reported 95 to 100 percent occupancy and tourist places including Chamundi Hill, Mysore Palace, Krishna Raja Sagar, Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, Talakadu, Kodagu and surrounding areas have reported highest number of tourists.

There are over 7,500 rooms in city and over 800 hotels, restaurants and cafes and all have reported maximum occupancy and heavy sales in food and beverages, said C. Narayanagowda, President of Mysuru Hotel Owners Association.

Last year, in April 3,23,433 visitors thronged the Mysore Palace and in May 2017, 5,41,952 tourists had visited the Palace. This year, in April, 3,07,636 visitors have visited the iconic structure. The numbers in May will cross 4 lakh visitors, said Palace officials.

Over 1,36,000 people visited the Zoo in March 2017 and this year, 1,64,000 tourists visited. In April 2017, there were 3,21,000 visitors and in April this year, 3,35,000 people visited the Zoo. During May last year, 4,95,000 tourists visited the Zoo and this year May till yesterday, 4,10,000 people had visited.

Mysuru Travels Association President B.S. Prashanth said that there is a heavy demand for tourist vehicles including open jeeps at all the 120 travel agencies in Mysuru. People are staying in Mysuru and are hiring vehicles to reach destinations like Talakadu, KRS, Kodagu and Bandipur, he said.

A beeline of vehicles seen on the stretch of road leading to Chamundi Hill this morning.

Nipah scare: Zoo on high alert

Mysuru, May 27 (MTY&BCT)- Not taking any chances like it happened during the bird flu scare where Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens or the Mysuru Zoo was shut for a month from Jan. 4, 2017, this time, the Zoo authorities have geared up to combat the deadly Nipah Virus (NiV) threat.

Apart from spraying disinfectants to all trees, the Zoo authorities have laid a special carpet at the entrance that is disinfected and can combat the spread of the virus. Though there is no drop in the number of visitors to the Zoo, the authorities are careful as a large number of tourists – especially from Kerala where over 15 people have died due to Nipah virus – come to the Zoo on a day-to-day basis.

All visitors are being asked to compulsorily walk over the disinfected carpet at the entrance so that if any virus traces are present in their footwear, they are destroyed.

Thousands of bats are seen clinging to the branches of the lush green trees inside the Zoo. To allay the fears of visitors, the Zoo employees have taken up sanitising work in the premises using bleaching powder and other disinfectants.

The Zoo boasts of several fruit-bearing trees of the Ficus family like figs - a staple diet of the giant fruit bats. The dense greenery of the park, home to fruit-bearing trees like papayas and mangoes, also ensure ample food for the bats. Even during the day, colonies of bats are found hanging from the branches of the trees. "We have been asked to keep a close watch on birds and animals kept inside enclosures. If any bird or animal falls sick, or die, it should be reported to higher officials for further scrutiny. There is nothing amiss so far and all animals are in good health. People need not be afraid unnecessarily," said Zoo Executive Director (incharge) C. Ravishankar.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Ravishankar said that fruit-bearing trees are under close watch and ripe and semi-ripe fruits including mangoes, guava and jackfruits are being cleared to prevent bats from nibbling on them.

"We have sprayed disinfectants including 'Costalin' and 'Vikron' to all the trees with special emphasis on those trees where the bats usually take shelter. These disinfectants will prevent the spread of the disease and will neutralise the bat droppings," he said.

Four killed, over 18 injured as bus falls into gorge near Ooty

Mysuru, May 27 (MTY&KS) - Four persons including two women members of a Sthree Shakti Group from Bengaluru and two male cooks, were killed and over 18 persons were injured when the private bus in which they had gone to Ooty fell into a 110 ft. deep gorge while returning last night.

The members of the Sthree Shakti Group had hired a 40-seater private bus (KA-01-C-5415) from Bengaluru for a two-day trip to Mysuru, Madikeri and Ooty. The Sthree Shakti members and four male cooks left Bengaluru at about 3 am yesterday and reached Ooty via Mysuru. After going for sightseeing in Ooty, they left Ooty at about 6.30 pm to Mysuru via Gudalur.

When they were proceeding between Nadubetta and Gudalur, the bus driver is said to have overtaken a tempo but failed to see a hairpin bend in the front resulting in the bus falling into the deep gorge killing four persons on the spot and leaving more than 18 persons injured.

Passersby, who saw the accident, stopped their vehicles and tried to rescue the people trapped inside the bus. Finally, Nadubetta Police managed to rescue the injured with the help of the public and shifted them to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru and other hospitals in ambulances and private vehicles.

While the two women who were killed are yet to be identified, the two male cooks are Ravikumar Nayaka (28), son of Raja Nayaka of Siddalli village in Doddaballapur taluk and Ganesh (19), son of Sampath and a resident of Rajarajeshwarinagar in Bengaluru. It is learnt that the Sthree Shakti members had taken the youths - Ravikumar, Manju, Ganesh and Ravi to cook food from them.

Following the accident, the road was blocked for about five hours and the Police had made the way by allowing vehicles from one side for a few minutes and later allowing the vehicles from the other side to pass the road in turns.

Ooty Additional SP Govi, Gudalur DSP Ravishankar, Nadubetta Head Constable Vincent and other officials visited the spot and helped in the rescue operation. The process of lifting the bus from the gorge with the help of cranes were on this morning.

Meanwhile, Manju and Ravi are undergoing treatment at K.R. Hospital here. While Manju is said to be out of danger, Ravi, who suffered injuries to his lungs is being treated at an ICU in K.R. Hospital.

About 18 women and two children, who were treated for injuries at K.R. Hospital yesterday night, left for Bengaluru in the wee hours of today.

Nadubetta Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

Police personnel along with the public seen rescuing the injured from the ill-fated bus which fell into a deep gorge near Ooty last night.

Demanding full farm loan waiver, BJP calls for voluntary State-wide bandh tomorrow

Mysuru, May 27 (US&MTY)- Demanding full farm loan waiver, the Opposition BJP has called for a State-wide bandh (except Bengaluru urban district) tomorrow.

Announcing this a press meet here this morning, City BJP President Dr. B.H. Manjunath said that before the elections, CM H.D. Kumaraswamy in JD(S) manifesto, had promise farm loan waiver within 24 hours of coming to power. But even after a couple of days of assuming power as CM, Kumaraswamy is yet to announce the farm loan waiver thus failing to keep ;his promise.

As such, the BJP State Unit Chief B.S. Yeddyurappa has called for a State-wide Bandh, except in Bengaluru, tomorrow to press the government for declaring loan waiver.

Seeking the co-operation of citizens for voluntary enforcement of bandh, Dr. Manjunath appealed all educational institutions, hotels and restaurants, business houses, commercial establishments, cinema halls, etc. to shut down from dawn to dusk in the interest of the farming community, which is in deep distress.

Continuing, he said the BJP will stage a massive protest at Gandhi Square at 10.30 am tomorrow as part of the bandh.

Reiterating BJP's commitment for addressing agrarian issues, he said that the BJP would exert constant pressure on the Congress-JD(S) coalition government for full farm-loan waiver.

BJP local leaders Rajesh, Harsha, Maheshraje Urs and Hema Nandeesh were present.

Hotel Owners Association to extend moral support to bandh

Even as State BJP Chief B.S. Yeddyurappa has called for a State-wide bandh tomorrow to press the government for full farm loan waiver, the Mysuru Hotel Owners Association has extended its moral support to the bandh.

The Association President C. Narayana Gowda said that city hoteliers have voluntarily extended moral support to the dawn-to-dusk bandh.

However, no hotels and restaurants will be closed in the city tomorrow, as shutting down will lead to a lot of inconvenience to the tourists and other visitors, who have been thronging the city for the past few days, especially from neighbouring States.

Obituary

Dr. J. Natesh

Mysuru, May 27- Dr. J. Natesh, an Orthopaedician at a private hospital in Bengaluru and a resident of Brindavan Extension in city, passed away yesterday in a road mishap at Bengaluru.

He leaves behind his parents, wife, two children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam here today.

Ambulances pass through Bandipur

Following the accident, Bandipur Tiger Reserve Director Ambadi Madhav, who received the information that 13 ambulances were carrying the injured to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru, the Director alerted his staff manning the check-posts and instructed them to allow only the 13 ambulances to pass the forest area in the midnight, thus displaying his humanitarian concern. The ambulances, after dropping the injured at K.R. Hospital, proceeded to Ooty and passed the Bandipur Forest only after the gates were opened this morning.

'Ashtamangala Prashne' ritual concludes at Talacauvery

The five-day event ended at the birthplace of River Cauvery where priests gave a host of instructions to preserve the sanctity of the holy place. The ritual also led to controversies where women criticised the priests for their suggestion to ban women between 10 and 50 years of age from climbing the Brahmagiri Hill.

Women question move on banning entry to Hill

Madikeri, May 27- The *Ashtamangala Prashne* ritual (octagonal questioning ritual) that began on May 21 at Talacauvery under the guidance of Neeleshwara Padmanabha Tantri and team of Payyanur in Kerala concluded on Friday. The ritual was held to find out solutions to problems, if any, in Talacauvery.

The outcome of the *Ashtamangala Prashne* has, however, triggered an intense debate over the issue of banning the entry of women of certain age to the Brahmagiri Hill.

During the 'Ashtamangala Prashne,' Neeleshwara Padmanabha Tantri had said, "Only men, girls below 10 years and women above 50 years must be allowed to climb the Brahmagiri Hill from the start of 'Tula Sankramana' (October 17) to 'Vrushabha Sankramana' (May 15)" adding, "Women, dressed in shorts and inappropriate clothes, are ruining the sanctity of the place."

He opined that the pilgrim centre has been turned into a tourist destination, which has weakened the spiritual vibe of the place. He feared that this will result in the disappearance of source of River Cauvery. "The tourists are visiting the pilgrim centre without any devotion to the Goddess. Women are polluting the source of the river, which has decreased the divinity of the place," he said.

Women Associations, have, however, criticised Padmanabha Tantri for enforcing the ban. They have said that women have equal rights as men in worshipping River Cauvery, who herself is a female.

Many Women Organisations have said that women are unnecessarily being blamed for something that is nowhere connected to them. "Most of the tourists, majority of the men, come to the temple in an inebriated state. How is it that only women are ruining the sanctity?" questioned Prabha, a resident of Madikeri.

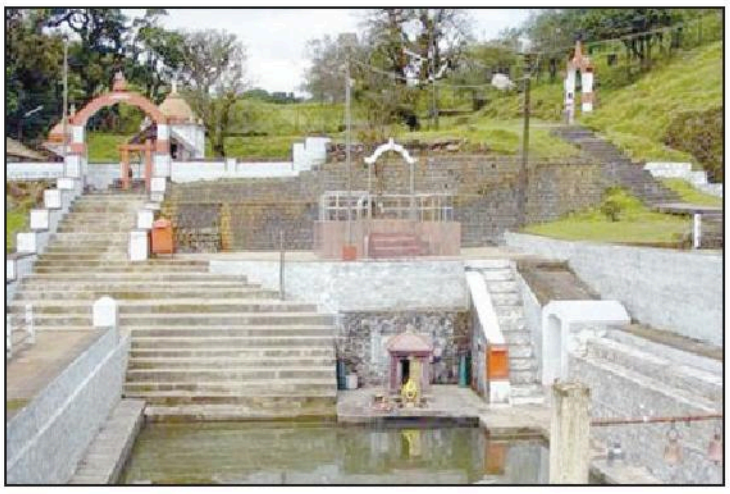
Ananya, a feminist, said, "Women are easy targets. What we wear, even to pilgrimage sites, shouldn't be a problem since it's a personal choice. And this should not be used as an excuse to ban us from the site."

"Water shortage is not caused because of a particular gender. May be if we utilised our resources better and were more environmentally conscious we wouldn't be in this state where we are reduced to having some astrologer make uneducated remarks. This is another example of how deep-rooted patriarchal notions are in our society and how little we do to try and stop them," Ananya added.

Another resident of Talacauvery said that people of Kodagu from ages have always believed that men and women are equal. The status of women in education, in society is very high in Kodagu. Unfortunately, some astrologers, with their blind beliefs, are attempting to create a discord and women cannot be banned from performing their religious right, he added.

Meanwhile, the temple authorities have not yet decided on the steps to be taken after the 'Ashtamangala Prashne.' They said that once the ritual concludes, the Committee will hold a series of meetings and also consult elders of the district before taking any decision on banning women between 10 and 50 years of age from climbing the Brahmagiri Hill.

One more Subramanya Temple at Talacauvery



Madikeri, May 27- During the 'Ashtamangala Prashne' ritual, it was suggested to completely clean the Kannike River and the lake. Also, it was discovered that there are several undiscovered places of worship at Talacauvery and efforts must be undertaken to discover them and start the puja rituals. During the questioning ceremony, the priests suggested that one more Subramanya Temple must be constructed at Talacauvery.

There is a place where a Goddess resides and this must be discovered and restored.

There were seven holy kundikes (holy pond) at Talacauvery and at present, only one Kundike is existing and efforts must be on to identify and restore those hidden kundikes, the ritual revealed. Both Talacauvery and Bhagamandala must be strictly treated as pilgrimage centres and not as tourist centres.

Tourists must be barred from dressing inappropriately at the holy places and all commercial activities must be banned, the 'Ashtamangala Prashne' revealed.

The ritual also revealed that during the renovation and restoration of Talacauvery, many concrete-laying works were undertaken that spoiled the natural look and at the same time it resulted in cutting of several trees. Several natural water sources were closed to lay concrete foundation, the priests said.

'Waste of money and time'

Allaranda Vittal Nanjappa

Ashtamangala Prashne is a waste of time and money and those who pursue this ritual have the sole intention of making money, alleged Allaranda Vittal Nanjappa, Convener of Allaranda Ranga Chavadi.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, he said that the ritual wasted precious time and it is a futile exercise. "The ritual is a business where ardent devotees are misguided to follow one set of rituals and practices.

"The main problem here is the domination of priests instead of traditional rituals performed by Kodava families like Mandira, Pattamada & Manavattira. Certain Kodavas too have come under the influence of the priests & this has caused present vulnerable state of River Cauvery," he alleged.

Vittal has said that Kodavas and their families have never harmed the river and the real culprits are some resort owners and property developers who, without realising the importance and significance of the holy place, have indulged in indiscriminate development, spoiling the place.

CSK and SRH in title clash tonight

IPL Season-11

Today's Match

FINAL

CSK Vs SRH

Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai, 7 pm

Live Telecast on

STAR SPORTS

[Source: www.iplt20.com]

Mumbai, May 27- The Chennai Super Kings (CSK) and Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) will come up against each other for the fourth time this season. But unlike any of their previous meetings, there is a lot at stake in this particular match. It is the Grand Finale. CSK and SRH are the last two teams standing in the competition, and they will vie to be crowned the VIVO IPL 2018 Champions. The title clash will be held at Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai, at 7 pm today.

Sunrisers and the Super Kings finished the league stage as the top two teams.

CSK progressed directly to the Final after they defeated SRH in the first of the playoff matches, while SRH had to defeat the Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in Qualifier 2 on Friday night to make it to the title clash.

In brief, CSK Vs SRH is the best batting side this season pitted against the best bowling side.

CSK have the most players with season aggregates of 400 or more runs — 4. They have the best batting average overall (35.04) and are the only team to have realised 2 hundred from their batsmen. They have hit the most sixes — 135. Further, CSK has been the best chasing side this season; they have a 7-2 win-loss record in run-chases.

SRH is the only team to have taken more than 100 wickets. They have the best bowling average — 24.21 and are the only team with an overall economy rate of under eight (7.89). SRH have the best record defending; they have a 5-3 win-loss record when defending totals.

Football: Champions League Final

Gareth Bale's brace helps Real Madrid win record third consecutive title

Kiev, May 27- Gareth Bale came off the bench to score twice, including one of the all-time great goals in a Champions League final, as Real Madrid beat Liverpool 3-1 in Kiev on Saturday to take the trophy for the third year running.

Bale's jaw-dropping overhead kick in the 64th minute put Real 2-1 up moments after his introduction, following a dramatic start to the second half in which Karim Benzema gave Real the lead as a result of a Loris Karius howler.

Sadio Mane had briefly restored parity, but Bale put Real in front again and then made it 3-1 late on with a long-range strike that the unfortunate Karius could only punch into the net.

THIS Week

Tennis Champ: R. Nagaraj

Tennis is a global sport and Mysuru has been producing talented tennis players from time to time who have gone on to represent the country in different levels. Mysore Tennis Club, Mysuru, is one of the pioneer tennis clubs in the country and its top products are P. Srinath, Raghuveer, Neeth Devaiah, Mohit Vijaykumar, who have gone on to reach great heights in the sport.

Continuing the tradition, city's Nagaraj Revannasiddiah, a tennis player-cum-coach from the Mysore Tennis Club, has gone on to reach great heights, both as a player and coach. Nagaraj, an employee of Income-Tax Department, Mysuru, is ranked among the top three players in the 55plus men's category in the country. He has been selected by AITA to represent India in the 2018 Senior World Team Tennis Championship 2018 to be held in Germany in August. He is our 'Star This Week.'

A 12-member Indian team will compete in the ITF Seniors World Team Championship to be held at Ulm, Germany. The matches will be played on 42 red clay courts, spread over four clubs in Ulm and Neu-Ulm.

The seniors competition will be in the over 50, 55 and 60 age group. Pawan Jain, R. Nagaraj, Puneet Gupta and Col. MM Nehru will represent India in the 55plus men's category in the Championship.

Presently ranked No.2 in the country, Nagaraj has earlier represented India in the World Championships in USA and Finland in 2014 and 2016 respectively. He is also ranked in the World ITF Senior 55 Plus men's category and has won many All India Men's Singles titles in his age category.

As a coach, he has produced many a talented players — like Poojashree Venkatesh, M.V. Abhayprakash, Swetha Devraj, Likitha Devaraj, C. Vasisht, etc. — who have gone on to represent the country.

Nagaraj, 55, is married to Vimala and has a son and a daughter. He is a true example of a sports person to achieve laurels with age as no barrier. Hope he goes on to reach great heights in this global sport in the days to come.

SPORTS EVENTS

CRICKET

KSCA Mysuru Zone U-16 Inter-Club League 2018

29.5.18	**National CC Vs Star Cricketers** SDNR Wadiyar Grounds, Mysuru
	Jawahar's CC Vs MUCSC JSS-SJCE Grounds, Mysuru
	Bellur CC Vs Mysore Underwriters SC PET Grounds, Mandya
30.5.18	**Mysore CC Vs Sunny Side CC** SDNR Wadiyar Grounds, Mysuru
	Jo Jo CC Vs Kollegal CC JSS, SJCE, Mysuru
	Saraswathipuram SC Vs New Nationals CC PET Grounds, Mandya
31.5.18	**Karavali Cricketers Vs SGKM** SDNR Wadiyar Grounds, Mysuru
	Jayanagar SC Vs The Mysore Gymkhana JSS, SJCE, Mysuru
	Jaihind CC Vs Vidyaranya CC PET Grounds, Mandya

SWIMMING

State Sub-Junior and Junior Aquatics Championship

31.5.18 to 3.6.18	University Swimming Pool, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru from 8 am to 8 pm

SPORTS QUIZ

1. What does the term NOC stands for?
2. In which sport is the term 'Puck' associated with?
3. The 'G.V. Raja Cup' is associated with which sport?
4. Which are the two teams which will be taking part in the IPL 11th Edition's finals?
5. Who is the No.1 seed in the men's singles in this year's French Open Grand Slam tennis championships?

1. National Olympic Committee 2. Ice Hockey 3. Football
4. Chennai Super Kings and Sunrisers Hyderabad 5. Rafael Nadal

Mysore K. Vasudevacharya's 153rd birth anniversary

Bharatanatyam recital in city tomorrow

Mysore K. Vasudevacharya

[Continued from Friday]

Commemorating 153rd birth anniversary of Sangeetha Kalanidhi Mysore K. Vasudevacharya, Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy and party will present Vasudeva Nritya Manjari, a treatise through Bharatanatyam based on kritis composed by Vasudevacharya at Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road in city on **May 28 (Monday) at 6 pm.**

She will be accompanied by Vid. Balasubramanya Sharma (vocal), Brahmari Shivaprakash (natuvanga), Vid. Rakesh Sudheer (flute) and Vid. M.R. Hanumanthraju (mridanga). Vidu. S. Bhuvaneshwari will compere the programme which is sponsored by art patron K.V. Murthy.

Artiste profile

Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy is the Founder/ Director of Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre, Mysuru. She is an accomplished Bharatanatyam dancer, choreographer and respected Guru who has contributed to the art form for the past four-and-a-half decades at the highest level.

Born in Moodabidri, to P. Nagaraj and Varada Devi, Vasundhara made her acquaintance with Bharatanatyam at the tender age of four under the guidance of Muralidhar Rao and won a gold medal at the age of five at the State-level competition, which highlighted her potential and prompted her parents to seek out the supervision of late Rajaratnam Pillai, the student of Pandanallur Meenakshi Sundaram Pillai, who continued in the role of her Guru.

Vasundhara, through her dedicated training, claimed 1st rank in Vidwat Examination conducted by Karnataka Secondary Education Board and claimed three consecutive gold medals. She was married to late H.S. Doraswamy and has a son who lives in Australia with her daughter-in-law Meghala Hirasave continuing in her tradition.

In 1988, Vasundhara earned a Ph.D for her study on the correlation between Yoga and Bharatanatyam. She holds a Post-Graduate degree in Folklore and is a consummate exponent of the martial arts of 'Tang-ta' and 'Kalaripayattu.'

Dr. Vasundhara has released a Treatise on the correlation of Yoga and Dance called 'Natya Yoga Darshana.'

Dr. Vasundhara was honoured with 'Natya Rani Shantala' Award — The highest State Award for Dance by the Karnataka State, Natya Jyothi - Australia and Artiste of the Millennium Award, USA, just to name a few.An A-Graded artiste in Doordarshan, she is the only Bharatanatyam danseuse to have been invited from India to perform for 'World Peace' conference in Paris under aegis of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) before an audience of 2,500 representing 137 countries.

She gained her initial training in Pandanallur Style of Bharatanatyam. What inspired Dr. Vasundhara to experiment with the boundaries of the classical dance of Bharatanatyam was supposed to have been her strong footing in Yoga and experience of martial arts, all within the traditional framework, have led to a unique footprint that is today identified as 'Vasundhara Style.'

[To be continued]

Kautilya Vidyalaya bags British Council's ISA Award

Mysuru, May 27- Kautilya Vidyalaya has bagged the British Council's prestigious International School Award (ISA), a benchmarking scheme that recognises successful completion of projects embedded with international dimension, in accordance with pre-defined parameters.

Hence, the institution has been accredited for the period 2018-21. The outcome is owing to the co-ordinated efforts of teachers and students spread over the entire academic year 2017-18. Students from KG to Grade IX participated in seven age-appropriate, thought-provoking curricular projects, three of which involved collaboration with a foreign school.

Non-collaborative projects

The tiny-tots of UKG identified the outline map and National Flag of India, China, Nepal and Bangladesh. They studied the shapes and colours of the National Flags and re-created models of the same using clay. They learnt the ways of respecting a National Flag and demonstrated the same through a skit.

The little ones of grades I and II studied some of the common types of houses in India, Japan, Indonesia and Finland and correlated it to the geographical features. They learned to distinguish between temporary and permanent shelters; met personnel involved in the construction of a house and acknowledged the role of the latter through a role-play.

The young 'explorers' of Grade III studied about the non-motorised means of transport in India, Canada, UAE and Italy, namely bullock cart, sledge, camel and gondola. They correlated the same with the geographical features of the countries. They attended a talk by an environmentalist on the benefits of non-motorised means of transport and promoted the use of the same by creating charts.

The 'naturalists' of Grades VI and VII identified some of the native plants of India, Oman, Malaysia and Russia by surfing the internet and compiled the information in a scrap book. They studied the characteristics of herbs, shrubs and trees and classified the identified plants accordingly. Prof. Shivmurthy, Chairman of Botany Department (Retd), University of Mysore, explained the health benefits of the native plants of these countries. The students then created posters advocating the use of these native plants.

Collaborative projects

The 'pet lovers' of grade IV identified some animals/ birds kept as pets in India, Canada, Germany and Singapore. They visited the People For Animals (PFA) shelter and Shukavana to study the professional care given to needy animals and birds. Residents of Canada and Germany responded to their queries on pet care through questionnaires.

The fourth graders of Discovery Charter School Two of the United States of America answered their questionnaire. The students then created a thinking organiser to differentiate the care provided to different pets in these countries and performed a street play asking people to be kind to animals.

The 'travellers' of grade five met the local Traffic Police to learn about the road safety rules for pedestrians and cyclists in India. They learnt about the same through questionnaire sent to residents of UAE and Australia. The fifth graders of Discovery Charter School Two of the United States of America answered their questionnaire. They then compiled a road safety manual incorporating the best practices from the given countries to improve road safety in India.

The 'civilians' of Grades VIII and IX learnt about the form, composition and structure of the Governments of India, North Korea, Republic of China and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. They surfed the internet to identify the merits and demerits of the forms of governance.

The ninth graders of Al Khozama International School, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, responded to their queries on governance in their country through questionnaire. They evaluated the findings and suggested ways of improving governance in India through a report presented in the school assembly.

Mysuru may not host Yoga Day mega event

Mysuru, May 27 (BCT)- After figuring in the list of cities short-listed to host the International Yoga Day, Mysuru may miss out the chance of hosting the mega event where Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate. If sources from the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga in New Delhi are to be believed, this year, the venue of the Yoga Day will be at Dehradun.

Earlier, the Centre had short-listed four cities — Mysuru, Jaipur, Hyderabad and Ahmedabad — for holding the main function of International Yoga Day this year. These four names were to be sent to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) which will select one city and then finalise the venue of the main function of International Yoga Day to be held on June 21.

Now sources say that Dehradun will host the event, even as the Mysuru District Administration and other voluntary organisations were preparing for the event.

Officials were awaiting an official communication from Delhi to launch the website and registration for the event.

Master trainers were also readied so that they can prepare students for the celebration. This shift of venue to Dehradun will disappoint them.

Not only this, even the State-level celebration will not be held in Mysuru as planned earlier but will instead be held in Bengaluru's Sree Kanteerava Stadium.

Last year, the main event of International Yoga Day was held in Lucknow in which Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated. The first International Yoga Day celebration was organised at Rajpath in New Delhi on June 21, 2015, in which representatives of 191 countries took part. In 2016, the main function was held in Chandigarh.

MYSURU RECORD

Mysuru holds the Guinness World Record in the largest yoga lesson category. With 55,506 participants, the city officially entered the record book for the largest gathering at a single venue on June 21, 2017 on the occasion of International Yoga Day.

The District Administration had organised the largest yoga lesson at the spacious 139.30-acre Mysore Race Course premises where 55,506 participants, including foreigners, school and college students, elderly people, took part.

Though defeated I will not retire from politics: Vasu

Former MLA Vasu addressing a press meet in city yesterday.

Mysuru, May 27 (MTY&US)- "I am defeated in the Assembly poll possibly for some reasons but that will not deter my involvement in politics and there is no scope for any retirement," asserted former MLA Vasu.

Addressing a press meet at a private hotel in city yesterday, Vasu opined that success and defeat should be accepted with equal spirit in politics.

He assured that he would focus on public service. He regretted that despite many pro-people schemes implemented by Congress, the party did not get absolute majority in the poll.

Unwinding the development works undertaken in Chamaraja Constituency during his tenure, Vasu highlighted the works at K.R. Hospital, Cheluvamba Hospital, New Maharani's College, Jayadeva Cardiology Hospital and others.

Introspecting his defeat, Vasu pointed out that many leaders who had done better work than him had been defeated indicating that the voters' mind cannot be read or analysed on any count. He dispelled rumours about his ill-health and asserted that hectic campaigning would have been not possible if the rumours were true.

Vasu, summing up, said that he always respected the final verdict and opined that the Congress should educate the younger generation about the contribution of the party in development of the country.

Corporators Prashant Gowda, Shivamadu, Suhail Baig and others were present during the press meet.

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Storm water drain construction

on N.S. Road causing traffic congestion

The works on construction of storm water drains on Narayana Shastry Road which is going on in a snail's pace. This is hampering the smooth flow of traffic on the road.

Mysuru, May 27 (PM&NNN)- The works on the storm water drains opposite Sri Raghavendra Swamy Temple on Narayana Shastry (N.S.) Road, one of the busiest roads in the city, is causing traffic congestion and leading to frequent brawls among the motorists.

The work which began more than a month ago is going on at a snail's pace. First 25 percent of the work was completed and cleared for traffic.

This is a very narrow stretch for the traffic to flow even as the work is going on in the remaining part.

As this stretch is in the heart of the city, the traffic from Chamaraja Double Road, Devaraj Urs Road and other connecting roads jostle for space on this Narayana Shastry Road.

Since there is very little space, the traffic gets jammed and as every motorist is in a hurry, tempers get frayed resulting in heated arguments.

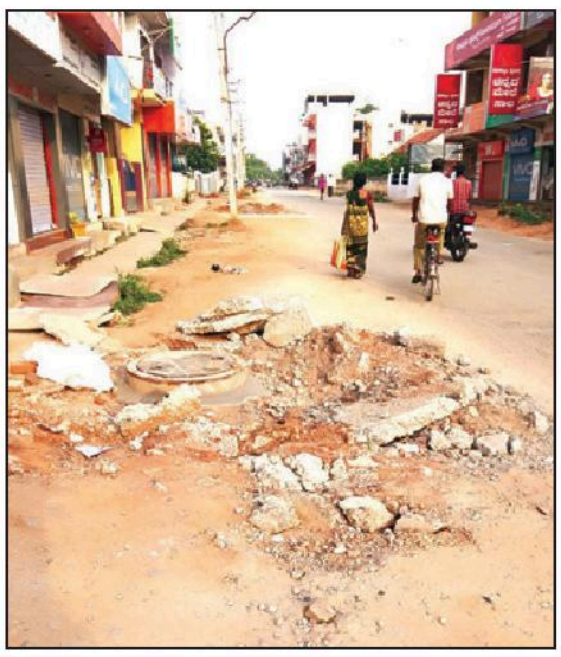
This road comes under Ward No. 36 of the MCC and the Corporator and the officials connected with this Ward are urged to complete the work at the earliest so that traffic movement is back to normal, say the residents.

Traffic Diversion

On account of the ongoing developmental works on Mysuru-Mahadevapura Road (Azeez Sait Road), the City Police have banned vehicular movement on the northward stretch of the road from Samosa Corner junction to Gandhinagar Cross on Mysuru-Mahadevapura Road with immediate effect.

However, the southward stretch of the road has been converted into a two-way for vehicular traffic, according to a press release issued by the office of the city Police Commissioner.

Incomplete road works at Nanjangud posing severe inconvenience



Nanjangud, May 27 (RS&DM)- With the works on concreting Rashtrapathi Road in the town remaining incomplete even after nearly six months, the people are an inconvenienced lot as the incomplete works are hindering public movement on these roads.

The developmental works on Rashtrapathi Road was taken up in a hurry a couple of months before the Assembly polls. But the contractor, for unknown reasons, has stopped the works midway, which has been causing a lot of inconvenience to pedestrians and the vehicles alike.

The road was dug up for underground drainage works and the mud excavated has been left uncleared which has resulted in huge mounds of mud piling up along the road, causing hindrance to pedestrian and vehicular movement.

The incomplete work has also badly affected street vendors, who used to do business along this road.

The incomplete works on Rashtrapathi Road is also said to be one of the reasons for the defeat of Congress candidate Kalale Keshavamurthy, who as an MLA earlier showed little interest in ensuring that the works are complete.

Now, although it is said that the works will resume once the Rathabeedhi works in the town are completed, it is learnt that the works cannot be taken up right away.

The incomplete works is also posing health problems as the underground drainage along the road is broken at some points, with drain water leaking all along the road with unbearable pungent smell.

Now with the polls over, the newly-elected MLA B. Harshavardhan should take up the issue in right earnest and ensure that the works are expedited.

At the same time, it is also necessary to ensure that the quality of works is not compromised, say residents.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Olu Munsami	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Raambo 2	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Yar Yaro Gori Mele	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
Rama Dhanya	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Raja Loves Radhe	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	2 Shows
Tagaru	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Naa Peru Surya...	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
Nela Ticket	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	2 Shows
Hottegaagi Genu Battegaagi	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Iruttu Araiyil Murattu Kuththu	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
HINDI			
Parmanu: Story of Pokhran	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
---	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
---	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
RENOVATION WORKS UNDERWAY			
---	Lido	2420885	---
---	Sri Maruthi	9980351129	---

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Solo: A Star Wars Story (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.45 am, 7.10 pm
Hottegagi Genu Battegagi (K)	(S-1)	4.15 pm
102 Not Out (H)	(S-2)	11.00 am
Mahaanati (Te)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Deadpool 2 (E)	(S-1)	1.30 pm
	(S-2)	4.30 pm
Raambo 2 (K)	(S-2)	7.00 pm
	(S-3)	10.55 am, 1.30 pm, 4.10
Raazi (H)	(S-3)	7.10 pm
	(S-4)	4.15 pm
Nela Ticket (Te)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Parmanu: Story of Pokhran (H)	(S-4)	11.00 am, 1.35 pm
		7.10 pm, 9.55 pm

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Solo: A Star Wars Story (E-3D)	(S-1)	12.40 pm, 6.50 pm
Parmanu: Story of Pokhran (H)	(S-1)	9.55 am, 9.40 pm
	(S-2)	7.00 pm
	(S-4)	4.15 pm
Raazi (H)	(S-2)	1.15 pm, 4.05, 9.45 pm
Hottegagi Genu Battegagi (K)	(S-3)	10.25 am, 7.05 pm
Deadpool 2 (E)	(S-4)	1.40 pm
Raambo 2 (K)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Olu Munsami (K)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
Ammammagarillu (Te)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Nela Ticket (Te)	(S-1)	3.30 pm
	(S-2)	10.00 am
Santakavi Kanakadasara Ramadhanya (K)	(S-4)	10.45 am
Raja Loves Radhe (K)	(S-4)	7.00 pm
Semma (Ta)	(S-3)	9.55 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

TV TONIGHT

5:30 pm Dance India Dance - Little Masters 7:00 Juzzbaatt 8:00 Superhit 9:00 Dance India Dance 10:30 Fear Files - Dar Ki Sacchi Tasveerein	1:00 pm Movie: **Ready** 4:00 Krishna Chali London - Kahani Ab Tak 5:00 Cricket - Party Toh Banti Hai 7:00 Vivo Ipl 2018 Live 10:40 Cricket Final - Party Toh Banti Hai	6:30 pm Kapil Sharma Show 8:00 Prithvi Vallabh 9:00 Prithvi Vallabh 10:00 Prithvi Vallabh 10:40 Prithvi Vallabh 11:20 Crime Patrol Satark
5:30 pm Amul Factory 6:00 Hour China 7:00 Wild Frank 8:00 Breaking Point: Indian Submariners 9:00 Mumbai Railway 10:00 Man Vs. Wild 11:00 Naked And Afraid	4:00 pm Vivo IPL 2018 Hls 4:30 Vivo IPL 2018 Hls 5:00 Kent Cricket Ipl 2018 Pre Show Live 6:50 Vivo IPL 2018 Live 10:15 Kent Cricket IPL 2018 Post Show 10:35 Vivo IPL 2018 Hls 11:05 Vivo IPL 2018 Hls	5:00 pm Street Genius 5:30 Street Genius 6:00 Animal Fight Club 6:30 S.o.s - Smartest Show On Tv 7:00 Spectacular Bridges 8:00 Combat Zone 9:00 Inside The Royal Wedding 10:00 Genius: Picasso
5:30 pm Oggy And The Cockroaches 6:00 Oggy Special - Oggy Ki Space Chase 7:30 Roll No. 21 9:00 Teen Titans Go! 9:30 Horrid Henry	4:30 pm Kadhakalkkappuram 5:00 Movie: **Vivegam** 8:00 Laughing Villa 9:00 Super Jodi 10:00 Nandhini	**Movies:** 12:30 pm **Raj Vishnu** 3:00 **Gadibidi Ganda** 6:00 **Jaggu Dada** 9:00 **Raja Huli**

MOVIES TONIGHT

2:42 pm **The Karate Kid** 5:41 **Avatar** 8:59 **Chinese Zodiac** 11:37 **The Chronicles Of Narnia**	4:53 pm **Longest Yard (2005)** 6:51 **G.I. Joe** 9:00 **The Italian Job (2003)** 11:07 **Riddick**	5:42 pm **Austin Powers In Goldmember** 7:07 **Get Smart** 9:00 **Fearless Hyena II**
3:28 pm **Kung Fu Hustle** 5:26 Pm **Hyper** 7:55 Pm **Sooryavansham** 11:20 **Akhil-Power Of Jua**	1:10 pm **Hum Saath Saath Hain** 4:56 **The Real Tevar** 7:55 **Lagaan**	3:15 pm **Mujhe Insaaf Chahiye** 7:54 **Fillum Baazi** 8:28 **Bhayanak - A Murder Mystery**
5:27 pm **Despicable Me** 7:09 **Rumble In The Bronx** 8:59 **Central Intelligence** 11:10 **Chronicles Of Riddick**	4:00 pm **Gowdru** 7:00 **Anjada Gandu** 10:00 **Huduga Hudugi**	4:38 pm **Filler** 5:00 **Cricket Final - Party Toh Banti Hai** 7:00 **Vivo IPL 2018 Live**

EVENTS TODAY (MAY 27)

Mysore Art Gallery: Expo of wooden artefacts created by Jamuna Rani Mirle, Gallery premises, Ramanuja Road, **up to 6 pm.**

Mysuru Sahitya mattu Samskrutika Pratishtana, Srirampura 2nd Stage: Book and CD release — 'Bhavataranga,' a collection of poems by Prof. S.A. Kamala Jain and 'Aralu Mallige,' a limerick (Chutuku) poems compilation and CD by C.V. Apoorva Jain — award presentation — 'Gayana Saraswathi' to Vidu. C. Vilasa Kumari Sharma, 'Natya Saraswathi' to Vidu. Mithra Naveen, 'Samaja Sevaratna' to A. Ananda Kumar, 'Shikshana Ratna' to Dr. S. Aruna Prakash, Prof. Nittur Devendra Kumar and Prema Mahaveer and 'Samskrutika Seva Ratna' to Prof. N. Girigowda and Sumana Raghunandan — and poets' meet, Ideal Jawa Rotary School premises, JLB Road, **4 pm.**

Haridasa Sangeetha Sahityotsava Samiti, Vidyaranyapuram: Adhika Jeshta Masa, 'Ganasiri - Vedanta Lahari' (Harikathamrutasaara - Dasara Padagala Gayana), Harinama Sankeerthane by Hussain Sab Das from Bengaluru, **5 pm to 6 pm;** 'Gaanasiri - Vedantalahari,' discourse by Dr. B.N. Vijayindracharya, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha: Veena Guru late M.J. Srinivas Iyengar Memorial Concert, Veena Gana Sambhrama — Veena concert by Yoga Vandana, accompanied by A. Radhesh on mridanga and Vikram Bharadwaj on ghata, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Mokshatmanandaji speaks on 'Divine Life of Swami Brahmananda,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Mysuru Zilla Gamaka Kala Parishat: Kavya Vyasanga Goshti - 11 (monthly programme), PuTiNa's 'Srihari Charite - Ulasa 11 - Varshavagaham' Kavya Vaachana by Vidu. Shilpashri and Vyaakyaana by Dr. Jyothi Shankar, #1315/2, Haripriya 3rd Cross Road, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

Srimaduttaradi Mutt, Khille Mohalla: Adhimasa Special Programmes, Bhajans, **6 pm to 7 pm;** Lecture by scholars, Mutt premises, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Greeshma Rangotsava

Rangayana: *Greeshma Rangotsava,* a theatre festival, renamed CGK Memorial Amateur Theatre Festival, staging of play *Maduve Hennu* by Samurai Hosanagara, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetha: Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji's 76th birthday festivities, Sampoorna 'Bhagavad Gita' Parayana, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama, Dattanagar, **6 pm.**

Parampare: Lecture on 'Mankutimmana Kagga' by G.S. Natesha (Shivamogga), Kalyana Vekateshwara Temple, Kalyanagirinagar, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAY 28)

Sri Lakshminarasimha Swamy Temple of Melukote Yadugiri Yathiraj Mutt's Shaka Mutt: Swathi Puja - Mahasudarshana Sankalpa Homa and Special Abhisheka Puja, **7.30 am;** Mahamangalarthi and prasada distribution, **1 pm;** Prakarotsava, **7.30 pm;** Mahamangalarthi and prasada distribution, Temple premises, Kalidasa Road, Jayalakshmipuram, **8 pm.**

Srimaduttaradi Mutt, Khille Mohalla: Adhimasa Special Programmes, Sarvamulapata (Krishnamruta Maharnava) by Pt. Aniruddhacharya Pandurangi, **7.30 am to 8.03 am;** Samuhika 33 Pradakshine Namaskara, **8.03 am to 8.30 am;** Lecture by scholars, Mutt premises, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Haridasa Sangeetha Sahityotsava Samiti, Vidyaranyapuram: Adhika Jeshta Masa, 'Ganasiri - Vedanta Lahari' (Harikathamrutasaara - Dasara Padagala Gayana), Harinama Sankeerthane by Ananya Bhargava, **5 pm to 6 pm;** 'Gaanasiri - Vedantalahari,' discourse by Dr. B.N. Vijayindracharya, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

Parampare: Lecture on 'Mankutimmana Kagga' by G.S. Natesha (Shivamogga), Kalyana Vekateshwara Temple, Kalyanagirinagar, **6.30 pm.**

Pakeezah actress
Geeta Kapoor no more

Mumbai, May 27- Veteran actress Geeta Kapoor, who's known for her role in Kamal Amrohi's *Pakeezah,* paseed away yesterday morning at Mumbai's SRV Hospital. She was 57.

The actress played the character of Rajkumar's second wife in *Pakeezah* and was abandoned by her son last year at a hospital and never came back.

CBFC Member Ashoke Pandit and filmmaker Rakesh Taurani had stepped forward to pay her pending Hospital bills and she was then sent to a friendlt oldage home.

The news of Geeta Kapoor's sad demise was confirmed by Ashoke Pandit who tweeted yesterday: *"Her body will be kept at Cooper Hospital Vileparle for two days hoping her Children to come and atleast do the last rites Otherwise We wl do our best to bid her a dignified good bye.."*

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